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Local company in running for safety award

SCOTT Safety, which has a base in Pimbo Road, Skelmersdale, has been shortlisted in the manufacturing category at the International Safety Awards 2017.

Winners in each of nine sector award categories will be announced at the International Safety Awards Gala Dinner to be held at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London on Friday, May 5.

Scott Safety makes respiratory and protective equipment and safety devices for a number of organisations, including firefighters, industrial workers and police squads.

This year more than 530 organisations achieved a pass or a higher achievement in the British Safety Council's prestigious International Safety Award scheme with 39 shortlisted by the panel of adjudicators as deserving candidates for the sector awards.

Mike Robinson, chief executive of the British Safety Council, said: "On behalf of the trustees and staff of the British Safety Council we warmly congratulate these 39 organisations which have been shortlisted for a sector award.

"This is the fifth year we have presented the sector awards as part of our long-standing International Safety Awards scheme, recognising those that have been judged by our independent adjudicators as outstanding businesses in their sectors.

"This accolade is particularly significant since within the very high standard represented by all winners of the awards, these organisations are examples of best practice in their industries."

The International Safety Awards scheme, now in its 59th year, celebrates organisations from around the world that have demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the scheme's independent judges, their commitment to preventing work-related injuries and ill health during the 2016 calendar year.

Last year, Bachy Soletanche Ltd of Burscough were among the sector winners of the International Safety Awards 2016 and the company has also been nominated this year in the construction and property services section.

DEVELOPMENT FLOOD RISK ROW

Report by **Henry James**

Residents fear loss of trees will increase threat when the rains come but builders say homes will alleviate problem

RESIDENTS have raised concerns that a new housing development in Ashurst could increase the risk of flooding an area which they say was hit by floods only last summer.

However, the developers claim that far from increasing the risk, the development will help alleviate flooding problems.

People living near to the proposed housing in Whalleys Road, claim that flooding risks could have been increased after about 20 trees were cut down to make way for the new homes.

And they have labelled ironic the decision to call the development The Woodlands!

Developers, Keepmoat are building 142 'open-market' family dwellings on the site alongside 60 'affordable' homes to be provided by Heylo Homes.

The accommodation would be a mix of two, three and four-bedroom homes.

And Keepmoat have said their redevelopment of the site will "alleviate flooding problems in the area."

However residents are concerned about the clearing of trees and the flooding risks.

Leesha Gaffney, 65, who lives in Ashurst, said: "I have no problems with the housing but there is a chance that by taking these trees down the flood risks are now higher.

"The Maharishi Dome, which is about 200 yards away, was flooded only last June.

"I can't believe as well that they have cleared trees to make way for a development called The Woodlands!

"It does not look good - many of the trees have been there for 30 years, ever since I came to Skelmersdale. Now they have just left stumps where they were - I think about 20 must have been cut down.

"One of the positives of living in Skelmersdale is the number of trees there are in the town. It will take about 30 years to replace these and I wonder if the cutting down of trees was mentioned in their original planning document?"

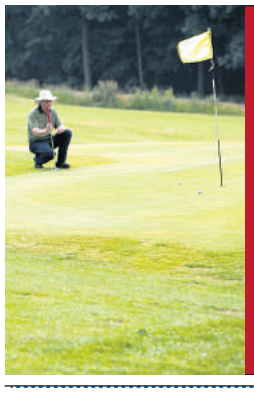
A spokesperson for Keepmoat responded: "Prior to beginning work on Whalleys Road, we held extensive consultations with the lead local flood officer at West Lancashire Council.

"All necessary site clearance, including the removal of some trees were noted and discussed in the planning submission and the flood officer was fully satisfied that our plans for the redevelopment will actually alleviate flooding problems in the area.

"The removal of trees is necessary. To achieve this we will be replacing trees along this boundary once works are completed.

"We are fully confident that this new scheme will improve the local area for new and existing residents; while offering much-needed new homes."

Concerned resident Leesha Gaffney at the site of The Woodlands housing development at Ashurst.



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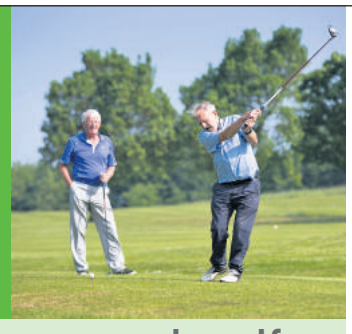

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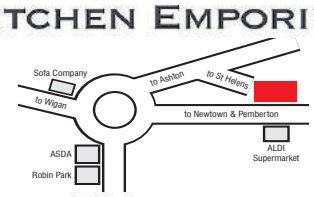

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Charity chief to launch older people's charter at Wellbeing Centre

by **Danielle Thompson**

A NEW older people's charter is being launched at the Age UK Lancashire Wellbeing Centre in Ormskirk on Friday, April 21.

Staff from Age UK Lancashire will run the two-hour event from 10.30am at the centre on Moorgate.

The Charter for Later Life has been developed by staff at the charity who have been working closely with older people's groups and forums during the last year to find out what the real issues are for older people and asking them for ideas on how they can influence positive changes and support on a wider scale.

Age UK Lancashire's chief executive, Stephanie Tufft will officially launch the charter, along with West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper and representatives from Lancashire County Council's public health department.

Anne Oliver, community engagement manager for the charity said: "The Charter for Later Life has been developed collaboratively between Age UK Lancashire and a broad range of individuals and partners. It is designed to show our commitment to those in later life living and working in Lancashire.

Age UK Lancashire's chief executive, Stephanie Tufft will officially launch the Charter for Later Life in Ormskirk

"Age UK Lancashire, like most charities and organisations, expresses its vision and purpose through statements and strategies. We wanted to take this further, to develop a charter which all of our staff and volunteers can commit to as well as our partners and friends.

"Our charter cuts through the politics, the funding regimes, the noise of systems and processes and makes a simple and clear set of commitments to those who will always be at the heart of everything we do for those in later life.

Commitment

"We welcome anybody who would like to come along, find out what support is available for older people and be part of this special occasion.

"We have invited partner organisations to also be there with information about their services. The aim of the day is to give everyone the chance to learn about the support available and show their support for our commitment we are pledging to older people."

A complimentary light buffet and refreshments will be available.

People wishing to attend can simply call in to the Wellbeing Centre from 10.30am onwards. For more information call 0300 303 1234.

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Sewing project aims to celebrate all that's good about our town

Report by **Henry James**

All invited to help create Skelmersdale tapestry

Paula Gamester (right) with co-director Maureen Fazal

PEOPLE from across Skelmersdale are being invited to take part in a project to sew a huge tapestry banner celebrating all that's good about their community – with the aim of improving their health and wellbeing in the process.

The Sewing Rooms, a partner in Well Skelmersdale, has received funding of £8,250 from The Big Lottery to support a series of two-hour Skelmersdale Sew Fab Extravaganza Project events.

These will be held in a variety of community venues and health centres across the town so that everyone who wants to participate can do so.

People of all ages will be encouraged to sew a small leaf, flower, or letter made from fabric onto the main tapestry banner.

The events will be held at Tanhouse Community Centre on Wednesday, April 19, The Concourse on Friday, April 21, Sandy Lane Community Shop on Tuesday, April 25 and the Sewing Rooms on Wednesday, April 26. All events will run from 11am to 1pm.

Paula Gamester, founder of The Sewing Rooms, a social enterprise which helps people improve their health, wellbeing and job prospects through learning sewing skills, said: "During the events we will actively encourage participants to do mindful sewing.

"We will have soothing music playing in the background to create a calming experience for the participants, encouraging them to concentrate on the task in hand and to be in the moment.

"The end product will be a magnificent tapestry banner made out of textiles that celebrates Skelmersdale and depicts the town, our people and community in a positive way."

The theme of the banner is Take Notice which is one of the New Economics Foundation's Five ways to wellbeing.

Paula hopes the finished banner will be displayed in the Sandy Lane Health Centre, and unveiled at a special celebration to which all the participants plus civic dignitaries will be invited.

Paula commented: "We are so excited about this project and feel that it is an amazing way to bring the community together, helping people to learn new skills and contribute to a work of art that will be seen and celebrated in years to come by the whole community."

Sam Tunney, chief executive of Well North, added: "Well done to Paula on having such a great idea and for getting the support of The Big Lottery. This is a brilliant example of social prescribing, and the proven benefits it can bring to individuals and communities.

"Apart from the obvious benefits that learning the skill of sewing brings in terms of being able to make do and mend and so save money, sewing allows people to relax from the everyday pressures of life; and enhances their self esteem when they demonstrate their creativity."

For more information contact Paula Gamester at paula@the-sewing-rooms.co.uk.

Cancer battler Sheleen steps to it to raise £600-plus for research charity

Report by **Henry James**

Sheleen Glover

A CHILD welfare worker who has battled cervical cancer has raised more than £600 to help fund research into the disease with a month-long campaign.

Sheleen Glover, a patient at Birleywood Health Centre in Digmoor, was diagnosed last year after a routine smear test and underwent an operation.

Now the 34 year old, who lives in Tanhouse, wants to raise awareness of the dangers of skipping the tests, which can identify abnormal changes in the cells of the cervix at an early stage.

The mum-of-three walked 10,000 steps a day throughout March to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Her target was to raise £500 in sponsorship, which she did as well as raising an additional £107.50 through Gift Aid.

'Amazing'

Cervical cancer often has no symptoms in its early stages and is most common in women aged between 30 and 45.

All women who are registered with a GP are invited for cervical screening every three years between 25 and 49 and every five years from 50 to 64. If they have not been tested since the age of 50 they are recalled at 65.

Former Lathom High School pupil, Sheleen, who works for Lancashire County Council, said: "Since my story was shared in the Champion, I know at least six women who have booked smear tests. They were people that knew me but didn't know about my cancer treatment and their reactions were all to immediately book an appointment.

"I'd also like to say a massive thank-you to everyone who sponsored me, including Costcutter in Old Skelmersdale.

"Also, the staff at Tanhouse Fish and Chips in Skelmersdale donated all of their tips last month to my appeal. They were amazing - and they also gave me my celebratory tea for free!

"I'm overwhelmed by the number of people I now have spoken to about cervical cancer and a lot have also been asking me for advice on the smear test.

"There are obviously some good people out there willing to donate to such a great cause."

To donate to Sheleen's appeal, visit cancerresearch.org/page/sheleen-82.

Men-Aces mourn 'gentle giant with heart of gold'

A MEMBER of the Skelmersdale Men-Aces Disability Football Club has died at the age of 55.

Goalkeeper Ste Bairsto had played for the club since 2009 and was very close to Men-Aces' manager, Carl Eaton and his wife Mim, who has paid a touching tribute to him.

Mimtold the Champion: "Ste was well known in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale as a gentle giant with a heart of gold.

"He didn't have a great start in life and went from children's home to home and in his early adult life spent time in a hostel for adults with learning disabilities in Ormskirk.

"That is where the friendship was formed with Carl and myself who 'adopted' him into the Men-Aces family. He would be there at every milestone of every family member on both sides.

"He also had a great love for Sylvia McGuire who he called mother, and her son Jonny, who spent time in the hostel.

"Ste joined the Skem Men-Aces back in 2009. He was a huge asset to the team, his wit and funny one-liners had everyone laughing.

Ste Bairsto with Mim Eaton

"Ste chose us to be his family but sadly he left without saying goodbye.

"He will be truly missed, especially by Carl and myself and little Carl and Sammy who he loved tremendously. He was there at their births and was a big character in their lives.

"He played Santa in the Concourse for five years and my kids never noticed, apart from Little Carl who saw that Santa had the same Everton tattoo as Ste!

"Ste was not a loner, he loved life, but he had his own little flat that once behind his door was his own space and time."

Skelmersdale Community Singers have taken part in a Dementia Friends session

Singers join Dementia Friends community

DEMENTIA Friends champion Joe Sherville certainly struck a chord when he held a workshop session with members of the Skelmersdale Community Singers.

At the workshop, Joe spoke about the physical, emotional and social implications of dementia.

The singers, who perform at many care homes in the area, are now part of the Dementia Friends community, a national initiative which aims to help to change people's perception of dementia and reduce the stigma attached to the condition.

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Funeral of diving tragedy victim Carole to be held at village church

THE funeral of the much-loved mother-of-four who died in a tragic accident while scuba diving off the coast of Northumberland will be held in her home village of Westhead tomorrow (Thursday, April 13).

51-year-old Carole Linda Edwards was diving around the Farne Islands with fellow members of the Phoenix Sub Aqua Club, based in Skelmersdale, on Sunday, April 2, when she was reported missing after failing to resurface from a dive.

Her body was recovered three hours later and although she was given medical attention by the RNLI, she was declared dead shortly afterwards.

The funeral, at St James' Church, Westhead at 11am, will be open to everyone who wishes to attend. It will be followed by a reception at Westhead House.

Carole's family are invting donations in her memory for two charities, the RNLI and the Great North Air Ambulance Service. These can be handed in on the day of the funeral or left at funeral directors, MLS Independent Funeral Directors in Moss Delph Lane, Aughton at any time.

Carole Edwards who died while diving off the North East coast

A former London Olympic Games lifeguard, Carole, who was also a swimming teacher at Park Pool in Ormskirk, leaves behind partner Neil, 51, children William, 24 and Rosie, 21 and stepchildren James, 24, and Helena, 22.

The family have requested family flowers only. For any enquiries regarding the funeral, call MLS Independent Funeral Directors on 01695 424888.

Singers wanted for Good Friday performance of Handel's Messiah

SINGERS are wanted for a special Easter performance of Handel's Messiah to be staged on Good Friday (April 14).

Eunice Woofe, MBE, is organising the event to be staged at Christ Church, Long Lane, Aughton. The performance is scheduled to start at 7pm with a rehearsal at 4pm.

Eunice said: "Singers are needed for this special performance. Phillip Clieve, our professional tenor, will sing the tenor solo and our soprano soloists will be Lois Powell and Sue Chu Miller. To get involved, call 01695 422482."

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Men-Aces duo hit marathon fundraising target

Report by **Henry James**

SKEM Men-Aces' manager Carl Eaton and his wife Mim completed the Greater Manchester Marathon and hit their fundraising target of £10,000 in sponsorship.

Wheelchair-user and Spina Bifida sufferer Carl decided to take part in the 26-mile event with the aim of raising the funds to finance an adventure weekend for members of his disability football team.

And he was joined in the event by fellow Men-Aces official, Mim, who told the Champion: "Carl and I completed the Great Manchester Marathon and it was truly the hardest thing we have ever done. The tears flowed freely - but proudly - at the finish line where we were engulfed by some of the Men-Aces who made the trip for support.

"The course was hilly at times for a wheelchair and the road service didn't do us any favours but the people of Manchester did us and themselves proud as words of encouragement rang out and jelly beans were in an abundance, which kept us going!

"The hills took their toll on Carl, propelling a standard wheelchair up them was some feat.

"Once we reached the 20-mile marker, I urged Carl on and shouted out the orders - as per normal - so we could pick up the pace.

"Our hearts were exploding with pride, knowing that the Skem Men-Aces can go on holiday. As we crossed the finish line to a rapturous applause, we cried buckets and there were plenty of hugs to go around."

And she added: "I've told Carl that from now on if he comes with any more mad ideas to keep them to himself!

"Anyway, we are both now proud owners of a bit of marathon bling. And after all that hard work we are looking forward to a bit of TLC and being able to eat rubbish for a change."

Carl, Mim and some of the Men-Aces in Manchester

Students' helping hand for food bank

A GROUP of work skills students from West Lancashire College raised money for the Ecumenical Centre Food Bank by setting up a café selling cakes and waffles within the campus in Skelmersdale.

Following the fundraising efforts three of the students visited the food bank with tutor, Diane Moran.

Diane said: "The students showed professionalism and have gained many transferable skills that they can use on future projects. I am excited that as a team we can give back to our local community."

Mark Bainbridge from the food bank said: "We are very grateful to the students for raising money for us. The food bank relies on donations for ongoing running costs and are extremely thankful for the effort the students put in."

Anyone wishing to donate to the food bank can do so via the website Skelmersdale.FoodBank.org.uk or by contacting them via their Facebook page.

SCA's base in Skelmersdale

SCA to split into two companies

SCA, the global hygiene and forest products company which employs around 280 workers at its manufacturing base in Skelmersdale, is to be split into two listed companies.

One company will continue to be known as SCA, a forest company that will include the forest products operations and all forest land currently owned by the SCA Group.

Meanwhile, SCA's hygiene business, including the current business areas of personal care and tissue and the recently-acquired company BSN medical, will become a global hygiene and health company operating under the name Essity.

A vote in favour of the board of directors' proposal to split the company was made by shareholders at its annual general meeting on Wednesday, April 5.

The split will be carried out at a suitable time following completion of the listing process, but no later than in the second half of 2017.

It will not affect the Skelmersdale workforce, which is expected to be increased by 45 following the company's recent £12m investment in its Tawd Mill site.

Magnus Groth, currently president and chief executive of SCA who is set to assume the same roles with Essity, said: "I am pleased that the shareholders support the board of directors' proposal regarding two separate listed companies.

"This will increase value for shareholders through increased focus, customer value, development opportunities and enable each company to successfully realise its strategies.

"We look forward to an exciting future for our two strong listed companies."

Town's young folk earn commendations in High Sheriff's citizens awards

YOUNG people from Skelmersdale certainly made their mark at this year's High Sheriff of Lancashire Young Citizen of the Year award.

In addition to 18-year-old Grant Walker who took the main prize at this year's event (as previously reported in the Champion) three other local youngsters - Adam Chapman, Joel Harris and Shelise Wallace - were also commended, with Adam getting through to the final heat.

The trio were nominated for their work in the community by Alan Lewis from Skelmersdale Action for Youth.

SAY has now had three nominees put forward for the High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen of the Year award for the last eight years.

Alan Lewis is now hoping to arrange a meeting with the other nominated young people and the mayor of West Lancashire.

He said: "Many people are quick to put young people down but these awards show that many of them deserve recognition."

Meanwhile, SAY has received funding from Councillor Terry Aldridge from his Older People grant, to allow the young people to visit the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire in May.

They will be making the visit with the Veterans Association with the aim of teaching the young people the importance of Remembrance.

Alan Lewis said: "I would like to say a big-thank you to the panel of the High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen awards and also many thanks to Councillor Aldridge for his support."

Anyone who can give a young person a weekend job is asked to contact Alan by email on alan.say@hotmail.co.uk.

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Co-op Bank chiefs confirm receipt of 'a number of' takeover proposals

CHIEFS at the Co-operative Bank, which is one of the biggest employers in Skelmersdale, have revealed that they have received a number of takeover proposals.

A statement released by the group said it "has received a number of non-binding proposals from strategic and financial parties."

In 2013 the bank nearly collapsed and was saved by US hedge funds. At the time massive losses were blamed on the takeover of Britannia in 2009. And last year the Co-Op group had a pre-tax loss of £132m.

Last Thursday the Co-Op group cut its stake in the bank to zero.

The statement from the Co-Op Bank read as follows: "The bank has received a number of non-binding proposals from strategic and financial parties. The board has selected several parties to enter a further phase during which these parties will be provided with additional information.

"Each of the preliminary offers selected includes some form of liability management exercise. In parallel, the bank continues to have discussions with existing and other potential new investors on options to build capital.

"The bank continues to fully discuss both the sale process and the capital raise options with the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), which has welcomed the actions being taken.

"There can be no certainty that any offer will be made for the bank or as to the level of any proposal or offer that may be made nor that the bank will pursue, or successfully implement, an equity raise and/or a liability management exercise of its outstanding public debt."

In February it was announced that the Co-operative Bank was for sale with companies being invited to buy all of its shares.

At the time bosses at the company gave assurances about the future of the Skelmersdale site at Delf House which employs more than 650 people.

They have said that the location at Southway in the town centre, is a "key part" of their operation and "will remain so."

The company is one of the town's biggest employers with most of the employees in Skelmersdale dealing with the bank's call centre operations.

Town's youngsters shine in national art project

MORE than 100 primary schoolchildren from Skelmersdale attended the Grand Finale exhibition of the Great Art Quest, a national arts project aimed at giving children access to high-quality visual and performing arts that they otherwise might not have the chance to see and participate in.

The exhibition featured the artwork of four schools from the town, Little Digmoor, St Francis of Assisi, Hillside and Brookfield Park.

The West Lancs Council-run Chapel Gallery in Ormskirk was one of only four venues nationally selected by organisers, the Children & the Arts charity, to participate in the project. The others were Falmouth Art Gallery in Cornwall; New Walk Museum in Leicester; and the Golden Thread Gallery in Belfast.

The children visited the gallery and took part in workshops both there and in the classroom to develop their creativity and imagination and produce their own artworks to go on public display.

West Lancs Council received a grant of £10,000 from Children & the Arts to develop and deliver a quality schools project, that would invest in young people's creativity and build aspirations for the future.

The youngsters worked with professional artists Sharon Kelly, Andy Shaw and storyteller, Izzie Major and the Children & the Arts' project began at the Chapel Gallery with a specially designed programme of creative professional development activities for teaching and support staff at the four schools.

These aimed to extend staff knowledge of the arts, build confidence in how best to engage pupils when in a gallery setting, and to explore ways in which the arts might be used to enrich pupils' learning experience across the curriculum.

Together, through visits to the Chapel Gallery, focused discussion and creative workshops, they have produced a vibrant collection of artworks and stories, tapping into and encouraging the children's individual interests and talents.

Pupils from Hillside primary take part in the Grande Finale exhibition

The resulting collection of sculpture, collage and audio works can be seen in the Great Art Quest exhibition at the Chapel Gallery until Saturday, April 15.

Jeremy Newton, chief executive of Children & the Arts, said: "We are delighted to be working with Chapel Gallery in helping to inspire children and broaden their horizons through participation in the arts."

Dave Tilleray, West Lancs Council's director of leisure and well-being, added: "This has been a very exciting project for the children and they have produced some great work."

Meanwhile the schools are continuing to develop their newly-acquired sculptural, animation and storytelling skills and look forward to participating in future gallery visits and other art-based initiatives.

Cadets put on style for annual celebration

MEMBERS of the 1439 Skelmersdale Air Cadets put on the style to mark their annual Dining In Night *(right)*.

The event is based on traditional Royal Air Force dinner-dance with all cadets and staff donning their best uniforms for a night of celebration.

The night brings together the squadron in an atmosphere of camaraderie, good fellowship, and social rapport.

This year's event was attended by former cadets and staff, many of who are now serving in the RAF.

Cadets, staff and parents enjoyed a formal dinner, followed by speeches and the loyal toasts before letting their hair down with a DJ and karaoke.

Commanding officer, Flt. Lt. Jo Henderson, said: "We are extremely fortunate to have such fantastic support from the adult volunteers and the cadets parents on events like this and a special thank-you to Lancashire Manor Hotel who have now been holding these dinners for us for many years - they get it just perfect for us.

"The Dining In Night is also an excellent means of saying farewell to departing members and this year we said a very special and sad goodbye to Warrant Officer Andy Brown.

"Andy was a highly respected and valued member of the Skelmersdale squadron and many of our cadets, past and present, will always remember him for his devoted time and dedication during his long serving service here at 1439."

Reverend Rick Preston from Skelmersdale's Ecumenical Centre watches some of the art work being created at Saturday's Easter Extravaganza event at the Concourse shopping centre. Lending an artistic hand are Claire and Jan from Crafty Pots.

Centre bosses hail Concourse Easter Extravaganza a hit

BOSSES at the Concourse Shopping Centre have hailed their Easter Extravaganza a success.

The event, running from 10.30am to 2.30pm on Saturday (April 8) featured radio station Wish FM handing out free Easter treats and taking photos to put on their online gallery with one lucky person snapped being randomly selected to win a family trip to Cadbury World, including travel.

There was also the opportunity to get your face painted and get involved in the crafts with Jan's Crafty Pots, while youngsters could also sign up for kid's cookery workshops over the Easter holidays with national charity, the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts.

Jennifer Burnett, retail marketing manager for the Concourse Shopping Centre, said: "It was an exciting, enjoyable day, to mark the start of holy week, breaking up the school holidays with the run-up to Easter."

Meanwhile, Skem Creative Hub has been helping to transform the western entrance at the Concourse using urban art.

From Friday to Sunday, April 7 to 9, they sprayed a design, created in partnership between the Concourse and Skem Creative Hub, on to the wall, to represent Skelmersdale and the community.

Skem Creative Hub is a local charity which aims to provide safe, quality education, training, development and employment opportunities to vulnerable young people who are at risk of drifting into crime and anti-social behaviour, developing their life skills and employability prospects.

Jennifer Burnett said: "We've been working with Skem Creative Hub on this project for a few months, to develop the design over the winter months. We've been waiting for the weather to warm up to be able to spray the wall and now I'm really excited to see our hard work become reality on the wall, for all to enjoy and to welcome people to the Concourse."

Chris Pate, of Skem Creative Hub, added: "The project has been an opportunity for local people to get involved in living Street Art. We have involved local young people in the design of the piece, choosing images, colours and paint. Over the weekend we are inviting local young people to come and have a go, to get involved and learn from professional artists. We want the event and the art work to be from the people, to the people."

Echo Arena date for Skem boxer Steve

SKEM boxer Steve Brogan returns to the ring on Saturday, April 22 when he is due to feature on the undercard of the middlweight clash between St Helens-based former world title contender, Martin Murray and American Gabriel Rosado at the Echo Arena, Liveprool.

Although no opponent has been finalised yet, the 33-year-old lightweight could be set for a rematch with Welshman Henry Janes.

The pair fought out a draw at the Robin Park Centre in Wigan last month, spoiling Brogan's 100% pro record.

Previously the Skem man, who trains under the guidance of Dave Tonks at Speke, had won all 10 bouts since joining the paid ranks in December 2014.

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Police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw with staff from the Lancashire Victim Services

Enhanced support service for victims of crime unveiled

LANCASHIRE's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has unveiled a new enhanced service for victims of crime in the county.

For the first time, Lancashire Victim Services will bring together services for victims of hate crime, young victims, victims of sexual abuse and domestic abuse, as well as victims of more general crime types and of repeat antisocial behaviour.

Responsibility for victim services transferred to the commissioner's office in 2015. Now, following two years of developing a service model to meet the needs of all victims, Mr Grunshaw has launched the new and enhanced service.

Bids were invited from interested organisations to deliver a new, integrated service across the county and, following a legal tender process, the contract was awarded to Victim Support.

The new Lancashire Victim Services model aims to provide the following:

- Four multi-crime teams across the county made up of domestic violence advisors, sexual violence advisors, children and young people and hate crime case workers and independent victim advocates.
- A central management operations hub.
- Clear and easy access to services for those in need of help with victims directed to the support they need, when they need it.
- Strong partnership working with local groups – including sub-contracting arrangements for specialist services.

Clive Grunshaw said: "Lancashire Victim Services has done a fantastic job in supporting victims of crime since I first established the service in 2015. Up to now the service has supported around 40,000 people a year and thanks to the new contract we will be able to help another 20,000 Lancashire residents each year.

"The new service model provides a single access point for victims of crime across the county making it easier for them to get the help they need. Services will continue to be of the highest quality and will be delivered locally."

Anyone affected by crime can access support by contacting Lancashire Victim Service on 0300 323 0085, emailing info@lancashirevictimservices.org or visiting www.lancashirevictimservices.org.

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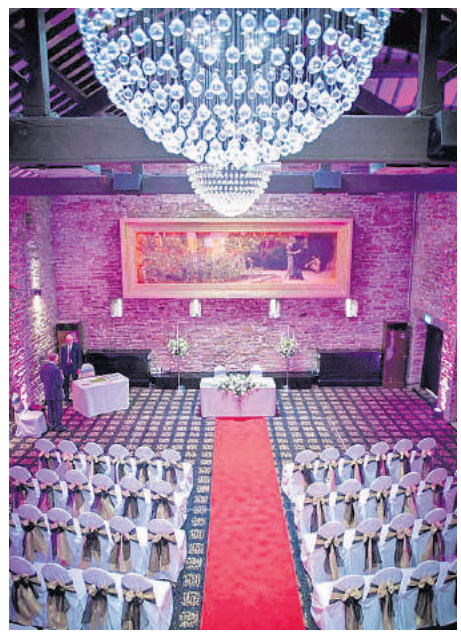

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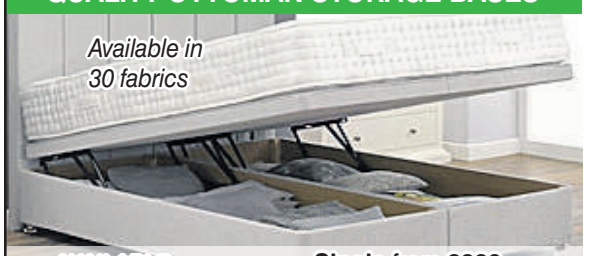

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Producers are currently casting for the show, Always the Bridesmaid and are looking for weddings to film at between now and mid-May.

Jade Gordon, of Sharp Jack Media, said: "It's said that a growing number of people meet their life partners at weddings so we're making a romantic dating show aiming to help hard-working singleton bridesmaids find their Mr Right.

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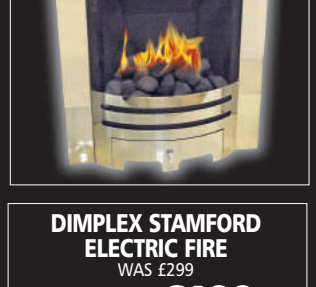

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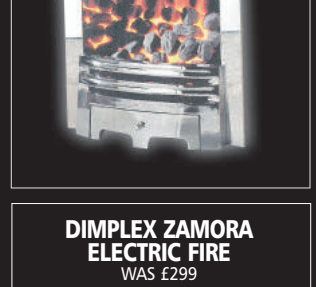

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The images show a man deliberately igniting the car

Appeal for information after arson raid on car

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE Police are appealing for information after a car was torched in an arson attack in Ormskirk captured on CCTV images.

At around 12.25am on Thursday, March 9, a light-coloured Vauxhall Astra car pulled up in Grimshaw Lane and a male passenger got out, ran across a pub car park and approached the driveway of a property in Yew Tree Road.

Accelerant was then poured over the bonnet of a Volkswagen car and ignited before the male returned to the Vauxhall and made off from the scene.

The front of the Volkswagen was destroyed and heat from the blaze also damaged a Citroen car parked on the driveway.

Fire crews attended the scene and the blaze was quickly extinguished. The occupants of the property, including two children, were inside the home at the time of the attack. No injuries were reported.

Detectives are appealing for information and are particularly keen to speak to anyone who recognises the man pictured in the footage, in connection with their enquiries.

Detective sergeant Stephen Monk, of Lancashire Police, said: "We have launched an investigation following an arson attack at an address in Ormskirk. The occupants of the property, including two children, were inside at the time of the fire and have been left extremely upset and shaken up by this incident.

"We believe this is an isolated attack and are particularly keen to speak to the individual, pictured. He has a distinctive run and we believe someone may know who it is.

"Following enquiries, we believe the vehicle used by the offender is a light-coloured Vauxhall Astra registered between 1998 and 2001. If you saw this vehicle, or anyone acting suspiciously in the area around the time of the offence, please contact us."

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CCG 'goes with the FLO' to help patients manage long-term health conditions!

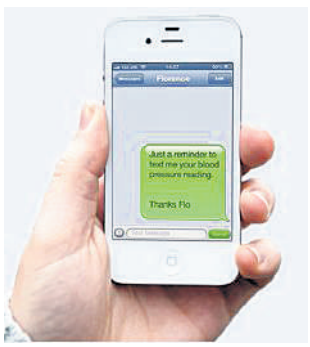
Report by **Henry James**

THE NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group is playing a key role in a newly-launched pilot 'telehealth system' which aims to help patients to manage long-term heart conditions.

Named FLO, after Florence Nightingale, the system works by sending patients reminders and health advice tailored to their specific needs, directly by text messages.

Patients are asked to send in readings such as their weight, blood pressure, pulse and oxygen saturation levels from their own mobile phone. These are then monitored by the specialist heart failure team and the local community matrons and are responded to according to the patient's needs.

The pilot, launched collaboratively by the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Liverpool Community Health, and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, aims to help patients suffering with heart failure, improve their overall health and wellbeing, both day-to-day and long-term.



The FLO 'telehealth system' helps health professionals monitor patients' conditions

Mike Maguire, chief officer at NHS West Lancashire CCG, which is leading the project, said: "Many people are living with long-term health conditions and patients have told us that they would like to play more of a role in their own health. FLO will allow them to manage their own conditions at home, as well as seeking expert health advice when needed. It will also mean they can be treated in the community without the need to be in hospital.

"Like all CCGs, we continue to face financial challenges which is where innovation and use of technology is absolutely crucial. Technology will be key to improving health care in the future and FLO is a strong example of how it can be used to support patients daily. This project forms part of our digital health project, which will generate more innovative developments in the coming years."

Initially targeted at patients with heart failure, the system will soon be extended to those living with respiratory conditions, including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

An 85-year-old local West Lancashire resident who has been using FLO recently said: "I had noticed my weight creeping up but put it down to too many boiled potatoes. If it wasn't for FLO alerting both me and the local community matron team, I would not have realised my health was deteriorating and connected the weight gain with feeling a little unwell

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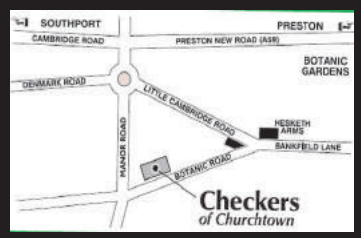

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Private hire taxi driver prosecuted

A PRIVATE hire vehicle driver has been ordered to pay a total of £541 and had his driving licence endorsed with six points after West Lancs Council officers caught him illegally taking passengers without prior booking.

Alan Lamb, aged 52, of Grosvenor Road, Maghull pleaded guilty at Preston Magistrates Court to illegally plying for hire. He was fined £310, and ordered to pay £200 costs and a £31 victim surcharge, as well as having his licence endorsed.

The council's licensing team routinely undertake enforcement exercises in the borough.

These involve the checking of vehicles and drivers licensed by the council and also members of the licensing team undertaking journeys as passengers to ensure drivers work within the law.

The court heard that licensing staff discovered Mr Lamb, a driver licensed by another council outside of West Lancashire, took passengers without prior booking.

Council action sends out 'strong message' about picking up passengers without pre-bookings

Under relevant law, any journey in a private hire vehicle must be pre-booked with the relevant operator. If the driver accepts passengers without pre-booking, the journey is not just illegal, it is not insured.

Dave Tilleray, West Lancs Council's director of leisure and wellbeing, said: "This prosecution sends out a strong message to private hire drivers that they must abide by the law and not pick up any passengers that have not pre-booked.

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Animal sanctuary seeks new homes for kittens

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

STAFF at a West Lancashire animal sanctuary are appealing for potential cat owners to adopt during 'kitten season'.

There are a number of kittens ready for adoption at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood.

The charity receives hundreds of kittens each year which cost them thousands of pounds to care for, neuter, vaccinate and chip before they are re-homed.

Sally McDerby from the Woodlands said: "Kitten season is upon us. Cute, cuddly, playful, outrageous, adorable, who doesn't like kittens?

"Female cats may come into season multiple times per year until they become pregnant. This sounds ideal not to mention very cute and fluffy, but it can lead to vast numbers of unwanted litters being born every year.

Reasonable

"In any one 'kitten season' we may take in up to 30 litters of kittens or pregnant cats here at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary. It depends on the age of the kittens when they come to us, but an average litter of four kittens costs us up to £500.

"We only ever re-home adult cats that have been neutered, vaccinated and chipped to try to reduce the number of unwanted litters that are born.

"Due to the care and hard work that goes into every cat that is re-homed from Woodlands Animal Sanctuary the re-homing donation maybe more than you initially expected. But once you realise the depth of care these animals receive prior to you choosing them, I hope you'll agree it is a very reasonable request."

For more information or to book a visit, call 01704 828293, email info@animalsanctuary.org.uk or visit their page on social media site Facebook.

Meanwhile, staff at the animal charity are also holding an Easter Egg Hunt from 11am to 3pm on Easter Saturday, April 15.

Two of the kittens at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary ready for adoption

Edge Hill shortlisted for more awards

John Cater

EDGE Hill University has been shortlisted for two more national awards.

The Ormskirk campus has been named as a contender for both the Workplace of the Year and the Outstanding Administrative Services Team categories in the Times Higher Education Leadership and Management Awards, known as the Thelmas.

Edge Hill vice-chancellor, John Cater, said: "We're delighted that yet again we've been shortlisted for the Times Higher Education Leadership and Management Awards.

"We want all our staff to feel happy to come to work and proud when they go home, as we believe that fully-engaged and motivated staff deliver outstanding performance which in turn delivers an exceptional student experience."

Ensuring pay equality, support for staff with disabilities and high satisfaction levels, alongside an extensive programme of staff health and well-being events, earned Edge Hill its shortlisting in the best workplace category.

And the finance team has been recognised for their work on a range of projects transforming the university's financial systems and customer service.

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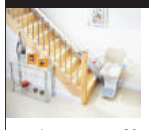

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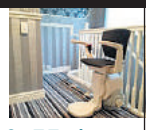

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Reckless drivers cause problems at Switch Island!

WITH regards to the article in the Champion (April 5) it doesn't matter how much you spend on Switch Island (to quote) 'so that drivers approaching the junction can clearly see when the lights are changing.'

If the said driver is hell-bent on driving through red lights, as my daughter and I witnessed on Mother's Day, they will do so.

I was driving and had stopped at the red light. The car on my right went straight through AND through the next set, also on red.

It's drivers like this who are causing the problems.

Jill Hopkins,
by email

RMT safety argument doesn't hold water

FOLLOWING recent strike action by members of the RMT, I note that the basis of the strike is the 'safety critical role of the guard' and the removal of guards in driver-only operated trains.

After causing disruption to commuters a few weeks back, the unionised masses hit those who wished to attend the Grand National meeting at Aintree.

I would point out that it is a right of all workers to withdraw their labour if they feel that this is required. However, I was always told to pick my fights carefully and one thing that the RMT seem to be missing is that their argument holds no water.

In my experience, the two most efficient train services in the UK are the London Underground, 4.8 million passenger journeys per day (the guard role was phased out in 2000) and the Manchester Metrolink, around 35 million passenger journeys per year, and no guards since it commenced service in 1992.

Are they more unsafe than the Northern Rail boneshakers or the rather dated Merseyrail lines? Clearly not.

Surely if you want to make an argument about the safety critical role of guards then that ship has sailed, or should that be, that particular train has left the station?

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Juan Angreman,
by email

All we ever get in Skem is broken promises

IN response to Ron Webster's letter (March 15) concerning the statement from local councillors that it's going to take five years to start work on a railway station, I think that they want the people of Skelmersdale to forget about it.

They never keep their word on anything. Just look how many years they have been saying that the area around the Concourse is going to change. Has anyone seen anything being done?

All you get from these Labour councillors is talk and broken promises and I know that to be true - I dare them to challenge me on that.

So I say to the people of Skelmersdale, take everything they say with a pinch of salt. If they want us to believe that we're going to get a railway station, print the route that it will take!

Also, I am convinced that if they wanted it, they could get it done in a shorter time than five years.

It's like I've said, it's all smoke and mirrors. Maybe we should put someone in power who will really look after us, but most important, if they make a promise they will keep it!

David Carter,
Digmoor

PICTURE of the week

Five horses, led by Sarah Richards on Carrick, trek towards the sands of Birkdale beach on last Saturday's memorial ride as a tribute to mark 40 years since legendary steeplechaser Red Rum won his third Grand National. Picture by Martyn Snape.

How will county council subsidise alternative to Arriva?

WITH regards to the decision to cut the Arriva bus service 313, it beggars belief that anyone can say that the residents of Skelmersdale have alternative public transport services available.

That might be the case if residents of Ashurst and Birch Green could get to the Concourse. But if there is no bus service what are residents supposed to do - fly there?

For Lancashire County Council to say they are looking for an alternative operator is laughable. If they can't afford to subsidise Arriva then they won't be able to subsidise any other bus company.

No one is saying whether the 395 service to Wigan, which is what the 313 becomes when it arrives at the Concourse, will cease or stay.

Mrs B. Craven,
Skelmersdale

Hard to believe 313 service doesn't pay

THANK-you to Paul Barker and Lesley Mayers for their letters printed in the Champion (April 5) about the 313 bus service in Skelmersdale.

I have had a report that there are about 280 people using this service every day so how can Arriva say it's not paying?

Why can't they put the 310 back round the Ashurst & Birch Green area then on to Liverpool, and let the 395 bus go to the war memorial? That way the High Street would still have their four buses an hour.

But Arriva are also stopping the 310 to Liverpool on a Sunday. Perhaps the 'man in the office' should come out for a week and try and get around without his car!

Valerie Speight,
by email

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Time to follow Scotland's lead on bowel cancer screening age

MY mum Fiona died of bowel cancer. She was just 56 at the time. If she had lived in Scotland, where the population is screened from the age of 50, she would have had a far better chance of survival.

It breaks my heart to know that I lost my mum to this disease, when she might well have survived if they had caught it early enough.

If diagnosed at an early stage 97% of cases of bowel cancer can be successfully treated but this drops to just 7% if diagnosed at a late stage. You're far more likely to be diagnosed at an early stage through screening than you are via your GP or A&E. So it's shocking that there are people in their 50s in the UK who are still being denied this chance.

Around 41,000 people a year are diagnosed with bowel cancer – the UK's second biggest cancer killer – and more than 1 in 10 of them are in their 50s. Currently the screening age starts at 50 in Scotland but not until 60 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This means there are almost eight million people in their 50s in the UK currently being denied the opportunity to be screened. Like my mum they are being badly let down and they deserve better.

That's why I'm supporting the charity Beating Bowel Cancer's call to equalise the screening age across the UK.

You can get more information about how to support Beating Bowel Cancer's campaign at www.beatingbowelcancer.org.

Lauren Backler, Campaigner

On the TV news they talk about rural areas being cut off - we already are!

ON the TV news this morning they were talking about rural areas being cut off.

Shirdley Hill has no shops, no Post Office, no chemist, no doctors and no church.

The buses were stopped last year BUT we still have a bus shelter, which is cleaned by two men quite often.

It does have a medical defibrillator in a box in the bus shelter but I don't know how to use it.

The nearest shop is the petrol station in Halsall. The nearest Post Office is in Kew, three miles away. The nearest chemist is at Tesco, in Kew or in Ormskirk, five miles away. The chemist in Halsall is set to close and move to Ormskirk.

As for the people living in Haskayne and Downholland, I have no idea what travelling they have to do!

Graham Bailey,
Shirdley Hill

70s-style send-off for popular headteacher

STAFF, pupils and governors at a primary school were joined by many of their predecessors on a journey back in time as part of a special send-off for their popular headteacher.

Gill Serjeant is stepping down after 19 years as head at Burscough Village Primary School. And to mark the occasion the school held presentations including an event themed on the 1970s, the decade in which Gill started her teaching career.

Veronica Bennett, support officer at the school in Colburne Close, said: "There was entertainment for the younger children whilst the older children entertained the audience by singing a melody of songs. Afterwards there was an official presentation to show appreciation to Mrs Serjeant, who has been with us for 19 years and is retiring at Easter.

"There was also a hog roast, and a hot-pot and pizza buffet, which our school cook and her team took great pride in serving.

"We were absolutely delighted that some of the school's former pupils returned to sing and play instruments during the afternoon, whilst the younger children were entertained by a magician or played on the bouncy castle in between the rain showers!

"As a follow-up we held a 1970s dress-up day with a 1970s menu to recognise the decade that Mrs Serjeant first started teaching. Staff and pupils alike enthusiastically embraced the day, the outfits were fabulous!"

Mrs Serjeant said: "I would like to thank all the school community - parents, pupils, staff and governors - for the wonderful events. I have been overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and thoughtfulness. I shall retire from Burscough Village Primary School with such fond memories of the staff, pupils, parents and governors."

Pupils and staff at Burscough Village Primary School staged a 1970s-themed send-off for retiring headteacher Gill Serjeant

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County schools chief goes back to the classroom

LANCASHIRE County's schools chief visited St Anne's Catholic Primary School in Ormskirk to discuss her role.

Councillor Nikki Hennessy, the county's lead member for schools, was welcomed at the Aughton Street school by the newly-formed St Anne's School Council.

As well as enjoying lunch with pupils and staff, Cllr. Hennessy was invited to share her experience as a councillor and offer advice on how to help fellow pupils.

She was also shown around the school and presented certificates in assembly to pupils for various achievements during the week.

Cllr. Hennessy said: "I was very impressed with how the new school councillors were keen to support their fellow pupils.

Councillor Nikki Hennessy with pupils during her visit to St Anne's Catholic Primary School in Ormskirk

"I have also asked the St Anne's School Council if they would consider becoming a dementia-friendly school and they said they would give it some consideration.

"I want to thank everyone for really working hard and for taking the time to show off what a fabulous school St Anne's is. Keep up the great work."

Easter Egg Hunt gets ball rolling in preparation for village fair...

NEWBURGH Fair will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Saturday, June 24 when up to 2,000 visitors are expected to converge on the village between Skelmersdale and Ormskirk.

However, preparations for the event and the week leading up to it are already underway and a fundraising Easter Egg Hunt and Family Day was held at Newburgh Sports Club on Saturday (April 1).

Included in the lead-up programme are a Ruby Ball to be held on Saturday, June 17 and a performance by the ever-popular Houghton Weavers on Wednesday, June 21.

Meanwhile, anyone interested in having a stall at the fair is invited to contact Fiona Casey, chair of the Newburgh Fair Association, by email at fionacasey@live.com or by ringing 01257 463837.

Guests at the launch of the Community Activities Hub, including reunited old pals, Bill Balmer and Paul Critchley (front left).

Forum for elderly care launched

A NEW forum for elderly care across the North West has been launched in Ormskirk.

The Community Activities Hub - the brainchild of Athena Health Care Group's head of healthcare, Gaye Clark and events co-ordinator, Lesley Malone - aims to bring together care providers to share inspirational ideas once a month.

Hosted by Everton FC events organiser, Henry Mooney, guests at the launch event at The Civic in Southport Road included Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage and representatives from 10 care homes from across the region.

Meetings will be held at The Civic each month with attendees paying a £2 donation towards costs.

Gaye Clark said: "We're thrilled to have finally launched our Community Activity Hub. We had a wonderful afternoon and it was absolutely fabulous to see so many from the local community come together to help people age well, not only in Ormskirk but across the North West."

Meanwhile the launch also saw two former schoolfriends meet up for the first time in years.

Bill Balmer and Paul Critchley, both 87, were among the guests at the event and were delighted to bump into each other.

The two first met as pupils at Christ Church Primary, Aughton in the 1930s but had lost touch over the years.

Paul now lives in Skelmersdale, while Bill is a resident at Abbey Wood Lodge care home in Ormskirk. After their chance reunion at the launch they now plan to use the monthly meetings to have a regular catch-up.

The next hub will be held on Wednesday, April 19 from 2 to 4pm. For details call 01704 771111.

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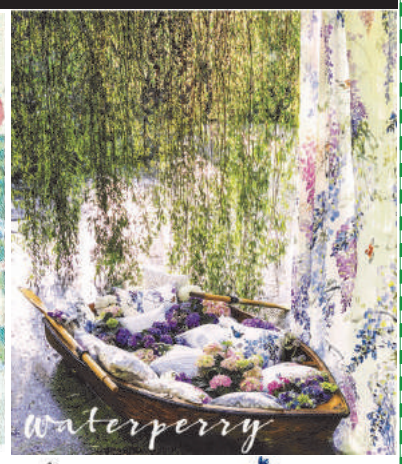

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Care home staff aiming to make a splash with Easter fair to raise funds for water feature

STAFF at Hillcroft residential care home in Aughton are holding a Grand Easter Fair at The Civic in Southport Road, Ormskirk to raise funds for a new water feature for their garden.

The free, family-friendly event, featuring stalls, a bar, raffle, bingo, live music and children's activities, will run from 11.30am to 3.30pm on Thursday, April 13.

Megan Campbell, activities co-ordinator at the Long Lane home, said: "We will have a raffle with lots of brilliant prizes, kindly donated by local businesses, and fantastic stalls promoting local companies' wares.

There will also be cakes, a tombola, gift stalls, kids' activities, beauty sessions, jewellery, bingo, bar and more.

"Live music will be provided all day by local artists, including up-and-coming Skelmersdale band, The Fossa, who are giving their time for free, and musicians Jay Loines and Matt Swift who are each performing an acoustic set."

For more information, call Megan on 01695 422407; email hillcroft.rch.events@outlook.com; or search for Hillcroft Residential Care Home on social media site Facebook.

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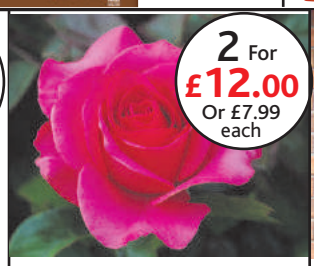

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Now they have the warehouse and call centre sectors firmly in their sights.

After bagging two accolades at the FSB Merseyside, West Cheshire & Wigan Business Awards in 2016, the company believe these new industries will provide a welcome challenge and fresh environment for them to tap into.

Director, Matthew Link, said: "We're particularly proud of the fact that we only source talented individuals from the local area to join our pool of staff.

Investment

"Last year was really positive for us.

"Now we're looking forward to working with local employers to help them ensure their business flows smoothly with the best staff in the area."

Meanwhile, Burscough-based agricultural machinery dealership, Clarke and Pulman Limited, have set the wheels in motion for a new depot.

The company whose head office is at Langley Place, have agreed a deal to acquire a new two-acre site in Garstang, currently trading as Whittingham Farm Supplies.

As well as the site, the purchase includes all of their stock constituting a seven-figure investment to support local farming businesses.

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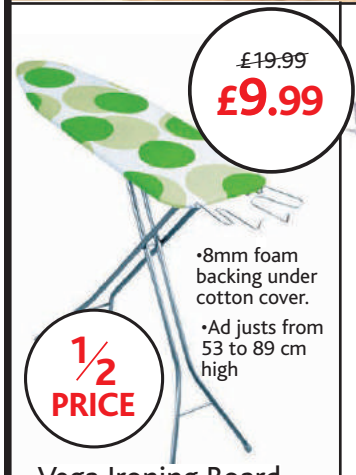

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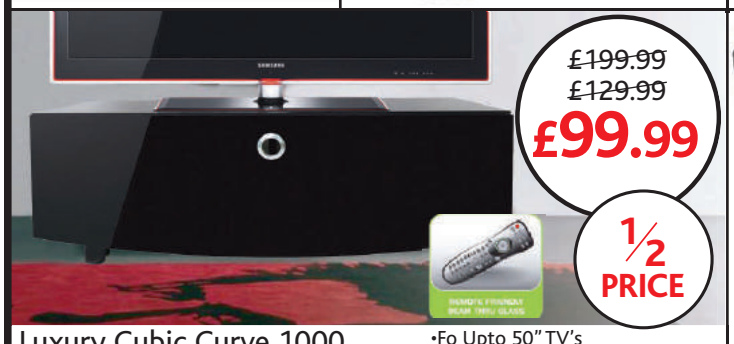

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Responsibility cuts both ways

SO now manufacturers of chocolate bars are to be asked to make their products smaller in yet another bid to confront the ever-expanding problem of childhood obesity.

I imagine they will be only too happy to go along with this – projecting a healthier image while at the same time hopefully expecting greater profits. For I somehow doubt that a chocky bar only 75% of its former self will also be 75% of the price!

No, the ones who will be paying for this will be folk such as me, innocent adults who just happen to like a chocolate bar as a snack on occasion.

And there are renewed calls for a reduction in the sugar content too. Now in this case I would have no problem, I have a sweet tooth on occasion, but in general a decrease in sugar content would actually suit me fine.

I also have a liking for cream cakes, and for years it has become more difficult to obtain this delicacy without the cream being laden with the sweet stuff. This is because the bakers want to sell their wares in quantity - children like sweet things - and in any case it is cheaper to produce 'cream' which has less actual cream but more sugar to bulk it out.

And if, like me, you love ginger, then answer me this. When did you last buy a ginger biscuit or ginger cake that actually tasted of ginger? Such things can still be found, but only at the top (expensive) end of the market. Why? Because again manufacturers have found that children don't like strong flavours such as ginger so mums won't buy the 'real thing' - and again it cuts costs to reduce the amount of ginger in a ginger nut.

But I really don't see that it is my responsibility to pander to other people's children. And looking round the streets it strikes me that the experts are a little late anyway. Judging by the girth of many adults these days I'd say they were at least a generation late.

There is, I know, a problem over some overweight dogs. As far as I know, nobody has suggested that standard dog biscuits should be made smaller to counter this. In any article on the subject I have read the blame is laid firmly at the door of irresponsible owners over-feeding.

I know I've said this before, but I reckon it could do with repetition. It surely is a parent's duty to keep a check on what their children are eating, not Cadbury's?

And if we are talking about what children are buying for themselves, well, children are not stupid. They are quite capable of noticing that their chocolate bar has got smaller, and since they have a considerable buying power they could (and probably would) simply buy more.

We have a generation of children who are now aware of sexual and racial intolerance and have become far more politically correct than I'm afraid I ever will be. If parents - and schools - can have achieved this, then surely they could make their offspring aware not only of the health risks associated with being overweight, but also the generally unattractiveness of it as well?

Surely it is not beyond the wit of mum and dad not to say, "you mustn't eat chocolate", but to persuade them that a treat is a treat and should be treated as such?

And in the same way that I would be held to blame if Tina and Ciders became roly-poly canines, why cannot parents accept that the eating habits of their children are their responsibility, not that of whoever makes the chocolate bar, or the shop that sells it, nor me for that matter?

When, many years ago I made myself very ill by consuming too much alcohol, I didn't blame the brewers, or say that glass sizes should be made smaller, I quite rightly blamed myself and did something about it. In effect, I said 'no!' to myself.

Responsibility seems to be a double-edged sword. Cadbury's are held responsible for providing the chocolate bar, but parents decline any responsibility for their kids eating it.

Call for more regulation of drones

OFFICIALS of an organisation that represents farmers and rural businesses are calling for more regulation of the use of drones.

The call by the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) follows the release of figures showing the number of incidents reported to police involving drones trebled between 2014 and 2016.

And the association has set out its concerns over the inappropriate use of drones and privacy issues with the government.

CLA president, Ross Murray, said: "The use of drones both commercially and for recreation is growing fast. The sector has huge potential to benefit a wide range of industries but we need regulation to keep pace.

"An increase in the use of recreational drones with cameras is causing real concern to farmers and landowners over privacy, the potential for damage to property and the safety of people and livestock.

"We need reassurance that drones being flown over private property or land are being done so legally, professionally and safely. The CLA has called for compulsory registration and insurance for drones, along with a change to the Civil Aviation Act 1982 to ensure permission from the landowner is required before recreational drones can be flown over private land."

The body representing farmers and rural businesses is calling for tighter restrictions on the use of drones

And CLA has issued the following five 'top tips' for responsible drone operation :

- Fly safely and understand the law; you are legally responsible for every flight and could be prosecuted if found to be operating a drone in an unsafe manner.
- Respect the privacy of others and obtain permission before flying over privately owned land or property.
- Never fly within 50 metres of people or buildings.
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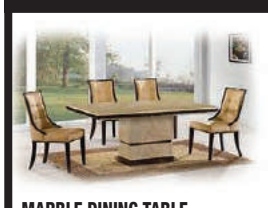

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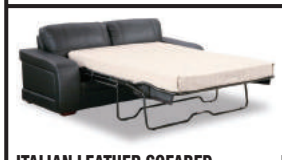

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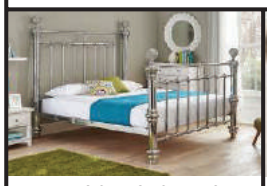

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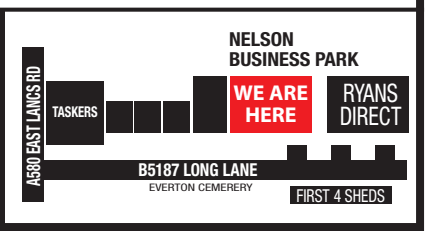

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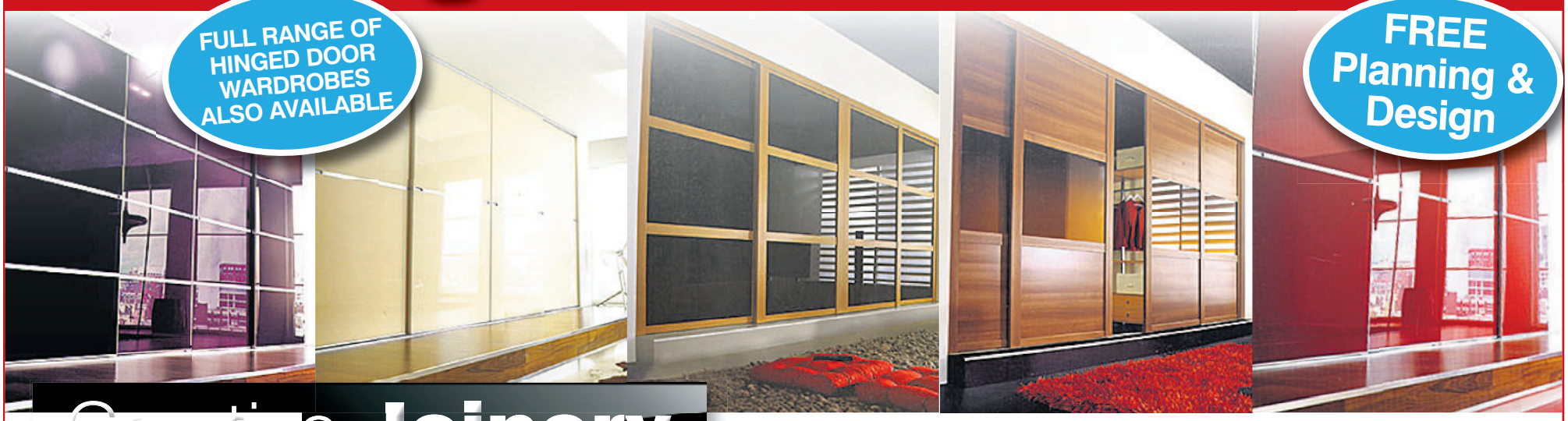

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Parents charity's fundraising sale

THE local branch of a charity which supports parents across the UK is holding a nearly new sale to raise funds.

Featuring good-quality used baby and children's items, the event, organised, by the Southport, Formby and Ormskirk branch of the National Childbirth Trust (NCT), will be held at St Anne's Parish Hall, Prescot Road, Ormskirk from 2.30 to 4pm on Saturday, April 22.

Tables can be booked for £15 and sellers keep all their profits.

All money raised on the day will go towards funding work done by the NCT, including the weekly Tums to Toddlers Playgroup at Southport Community Centre and their feeding and changing tent for little ones at local events over the summer.

For more information on the sale or to book a table, email Caroline Prendergast at membership.sfo@nct.org.uk.

Take your partners for dance date...

ST JOHN'S Roman Catholic Parish Committee, Burscough have organised a barn dance to be held at the parish hall in Chapel Lane on Friday, April 21.

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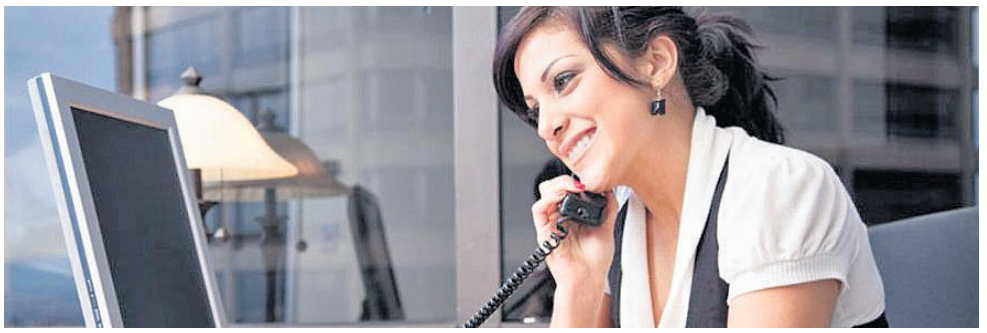

Volunteers are needed for care trust's Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline

'Night Owls' wanted for care trust mental health helpline

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust's Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline is looking for "caring and compassionate individuals" with an interest in mental health to volunteer as a weekend 'Night Owl' within their busy listening service.

The Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline is an out-of-hours telephone service available to anyone concerned about their own mental health or that of someone they know.

It provides emotional support to anyone experiencing distress and aims to empower callers through information to make their own choices about how their health care needs may be met.

Volunteers are needed who can spare a minimum of one four-hour session a fortnight on Saturdays and Sundays from 8pm until midnight.

Late evenings are a very difficult time for callers who are often feeling alone and the helpline offers support through the listening service. Anyone interested in becoming a Night Owl will be required to complete a four-week training package and undergo full reference and DBS checks.

Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline manager, Pauline, said: "Volunteers are a necessity for the helpline, especially during busy weekend evening shifts. During these hours we receive a high volume of calls and it's important that we have enough volunteers to provide the listening ear the callers require.

"We really value the contributions from each and every one of our volunteers and we recognise that they help us to provide excellent care and support to people in Lancashire.

"Volunteering as a Night Owl will allow people to learn new skills, build on existing ones, meet new people and make a difference to so many lives in Lancashire!"

The service also signposts callers to additional services to help with overall wellbeing, including eating disorders, domestic violence and sleeping problems.

The helpline is open Monday to Friday 7pm to 11pm and Saturday and Sunday from midday to midnight.

For more information contact the helpline admin office on 01253 447900 or visit www.lancs-mental-healthhelpline.nhs.uk.

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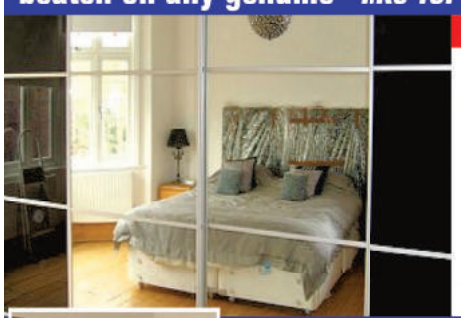

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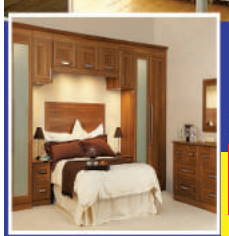

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Anniversary reunion for veterans of Suez Canal blockade

MERSEYSIDE Maritime Museum is inviting former seamen who served on ships stranded in the Suez Canal between 1967 and 1975 to attend a special 50th anniversary reunion.

A group of 14 merchant ships were marooned in an area of the canal known as the Great Bitter Lake at the start of the Six-Day War between Israel and Egypt in June 1967. In the aftermath of the conflict the ships were trapped there for eight years until Egypt reopened the canal in 1975.

Four of the ships were British-flagged, including three from Liverpool shipping lines - the MS Melampus and MS Agapenor from the Blue Funnel Line, and the MS Scottish Star from the Blue Star Line.

Though the original crews were replaced every couple of months, over the years around 3,000 seamen served on the ships, maintaining them and their cargos.

This was at the height of the 'Cold War' and although ships may have come from both sides of the Iron Curtain, it didn't stop them forming their own 'United Nations', according to Ben Whittaker, curator of Maritime History and Technology.

He said: "We want former crew members to get in touch and join us to share their stories and reminisce. Many members remember their time on the Suez Canal as one of the most significant of their entire lives. Through the Internet, many of them have now renewed contact with each other and interest in this unusual story has been revived."

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New Dementia Friends at Abbey Wood Lodge care home in Ormskirk

Care home staff sign up to be Dementia Friends

STAFF at a care home in Ormskirk became Dementia Friends after taking part in an hour-long workshop.

Six members of the team at Abbey Wood Lodge in County Road, took part in a workshop organised by Dementia Friends Champion, Joe Sherville, as part of the Alzheimer's Society programme, to change perceptions of dementia.

At the workshop, Joe spoke about the physical, emotional and social implications of dementia and the fear of being stigmatised if you have the condition.

He also spoke about what memory loss means for those living with dementia in their day-to-day life; how their living environment needs to be adapted; and how money or appliances may be different to what they are expecting.

Joe said: "I'd like to say a big thank-you to Sharon Hall, manager of Abbey Wood Lodge for allowing me to run a Dementia Friends session. It's important to change people's perceptions and reduce the fear and stigma around the condition, it's about bringing people together and signing up to help make our community more dementia-friendly."

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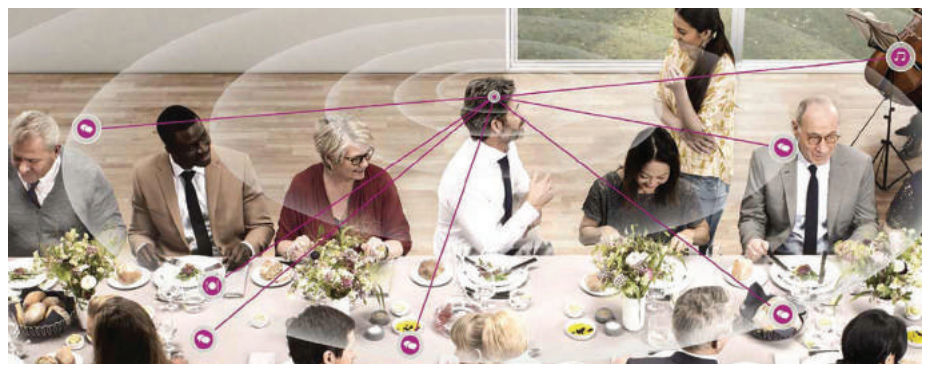

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Customers can report all kinds of tax fraud and evasion on the new hotline, including PAYE and National Insurance fraud, undisclosed offshore investments, non-payment of the National Minimum Wage, tax credit fraud, failure to pay UK duty, tax evasion and VAT fraud.

Jennie Granger, HMRC's director general for customer compliance, said: "Information provided by the public is a crucial element of HMRC's work to close the tax gap, so it's vital that the reporting process is as simple and accessible as possible.

"The HMRC Fraud Hotline will form an important part of our intelligence gathering operations to bring in more money for the Exchequer and the country.

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The Woodland Trust is calling on people in West Lancashire to support its campaign to protect ancient and veteran trees

Charity seeking support for call to protect ancient trees

Report by **Henry James**

A NATIONAL conservation charity is calling on people in West Lancashire to support a campaign to protect ancient and veteran trees and save threatened woods in the region following the launch of a new government consultation.

The Woodland Trust's 'Save Our Ancients' initiative was prompted by proposals in a recent housing White Paper to add ancient woodland and aged and veteran trees to the current list of policies that restrict development in England.

But the charity says that unless amendments are also made to national planning policy this will not lead to an increase in protection for our ancient woodlands which are irreplaceable.

The trust is aware of six threatened ancient woods in Lancashire and has recorded more than 200 ancient or veteran trees on its Ancient Tree Inventory.

The White Paper is currently open for public consultation and the trust is urging people to speak up for Lancashire's 'ancients'.

Vulnerable

Current policy states that developments that impact on ancient woodland should be refused permission "unless the benefits outweigh the loss". But conservationists say this 'loophole' has led to more than 700 ancient woods currently being at risk from development across the UK.

In comparison, they claim, any loss of our built heritage is deemed to be 'wholly exceptional' and the trust wants ancient woodland and trees to be protected along the same lines.

Kaye Brennan, campaign leader for the Woodland Trust, lead said: "Our ancient woods and trees are increasingly recognised as 'natural heritage' - they should enjoy at least the same level of protection as built heritage. They are an intrinsic part of Lancashire's fabric but they are being failed by current planning policy.

"While this loophole exists they are so vulnerable, but we have an excellent opportunity to change their fate - we need the public to help us make this happen."

The consultation period ends on May 2 and anyone requiring further details of how to support the Woodland Trust campaign can visit their website at woodlandtrust.org.uk.

WIN! Tickets to see The Buddy Holly Story

BUDDY - The Buddy Holly Story is coming to the Liverpool Empire from Thursday to Satuday, April 27 to Saturday, April 29 and the Champion has three pairs of tickets to give away in this free-to-enter competition.

Recounting the enduring tale of the musical icon's meteoric rise to fame and his final legendary performance before his untimely death at the age of 22, the show has been hailed far and wide as the perfect tribute to the singer.

In 18 short months the Texas-born boy revolutionised the face of contemporary music influencing everyone from The Beatles to Bruce Springsteen.

The production boasts a cast including Glen Joseph and Alex Fobbester, Miguel Angel, Joe Butcher, Celia Cruwys-Finnigan, Jordan Cunningham, Josh Haberfield, Kerry Low and Alex Tosh.

Together they present two terrific hours of music with more than 20 of Buddy's greatest hits, including *That'll Be The Day*, *Peggy Sue*, *Oh Boy* and *Rave On*.

With the Big Bopper's *Chantilly Lace* and Ritchie Valens' *La Bamba* completing a stellar musical line-up, Buddy is a not-to-be-missed evening of family entertainment.

The show has inspired a generation of multi-million selling juke-box musicals, including *Mamma Mia* and *We Will Rock You*, and still remains a true original and a musical phenomenon. Seen by more than 22 million music fans since it opened in 1989, Buddy continues to have audiences rockin' in the aisles.

Buddy's widow, Maria Elena Holly, says of the show: "When we opened we never imagined Buddy's music and story would still be rocking stages and entertaining audiences around the world"

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Stars Thomas Mitchells (Big Bopper), Alex Fobbester (Buddy Holly) and Jordan Cunningham (Ritchie Valens)

Ghost competition winners

THE winners in the Champion's competion to win five pairs of tickets to see Ghost The Musical at the Empire Theatre, Liverpool were: Marie Gale from Hightown; Elaine McGlinchey (Lydiate); Susan Dean (Ormskirk); A. MacPherson (Aughton); and Sally Moore (Southport).

Booths was packed out with visitors to the Ringtail to Retail talk

Ringtail history talk proves a crowd-pleaser

A PACKED crowd gathered to hear about the rich history of the former Royal Naval Air Station, HMS Ringtail in Burscough - and raise money for charity.

Local historian, Lawrence Critchley gave a talk, entitled 'Ringtail to Retail' and featuring a display of relevant artefacts and photographs, at Booths Café on the Ringtail Retail Estate.

Ticket sales and donations at the event raised a total of £287 for the Royal Navy Historic Flight, a civilian-staffed charity which maintains and flies a small number of aircraft that are important to British Naval aviation.

Lawrence said: "I would like to say thanks for the support for this worthy cause. The Historic Flight is a living memorial to all who have served in the Royal Naval Air Service and Fleet Air Arm."

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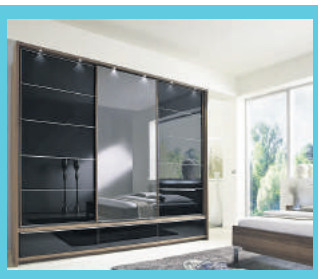

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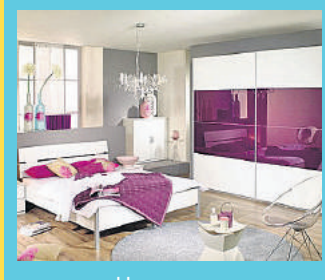

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Sun shines on classic car lovers' first trip of year

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Eleven vintage motor enthusiasts took part and hailed the impromptu day out as a resounding success - putting on a show for pub regulars with a number of their beloved vehicles on display, including two MG TCs, three MGFs and a MGA.

Club official, Steve Kirton said: "It was time to blow those winter cobwebs away with the first meet of the year at the Corner House, a popular venue with enthusiasts from Lancashire and Greater Manchester.

"The weather was very kind to us, a little grey early on but full-on sunshine by mid morning and not a drop of rain throughout the day.

"A wide selection of cars turned up and two of my favourites were the Aston Martin DB5 (as people of a certain age will remember as the original - and still the best - 007 car!) and also a stunning two-tone Bentley with plush red leather interior.

"West Lancs MG Owners Club would like to thank the Corner House for organising their free car display event every month so we can all come along and enjoy the cars from vintage to classic and also some a little more modern."

Members of the West Lancs MG Owners' Club enjoyed their first trip of the year to Wrightington

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Quit Squad welcomes countdown to end of 'glamorous' tobacco packaging

OFFICIALS of Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Quit Squad have welcomed the news that all cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco sold in the UK will have to appear in standard packaging when new legislation comes into effect next month.

As a result of the legislation, voted in by MPs last year, cigarettes and tobacco will no longer be sold in brightly-coloured and 'glamorous stylish' packs. The regulations were introduced after Australia saw a huge reduction in smoking when it became the first country in the world to require cigarettes to be sold in standardised packaging in December 2012.

Packaging rules for companies in the UK have been extended to include a range of tobacco products banned from sale, including packs of 10s, flavoured cigarettes and non-standard style packaging, as well as new regulations covering e-cigarettes.

Plain packaging legislation was introduced in May last year but tobacco companies were given 12 months to ensure all previously branded stock has been sold or recalled. The last of the current packs will disappear from stores on May 20.

It means packets now have to be the same olive green colour, with the same font, size, case and text appearance.

Health warnings will cover at least 65% of the cartons, and menthol cigarettes are banned from 2020.

Helen Hatcher from the Quit Squad, a service run by and funded by Lancashire County Council, said: "The Quit Squad welcomes this excellent move to introduce standardised packaging. After Australia introduced similar legislation, there was a successful reduction in smoking uptake among young people, a decline in exposure to second-hand smoke and a decline in the prevalence of smoking.

"Research shows that smokers who were smoking from standardised packs were more likely to view their tobacco as being lower in quality and satisfaction and more likely to think about quitting.

"Cigarettes enjoy enormous brand loyalty and teenagers are more heavily influenced by brands than adults. Tobacco companies target specific groups such as young female smokers by making packaging more appealing to them in terms of colour and style.

"Standardised packaging could help prevent future generations from taking up smoking by making cigarettes less appealing. This is a great move which we welcome."

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CAMRA toast pledge to end pub buildings planning loophole

LOCAL communities will now have a bigger say in the future of pub buildings thanks to the end of a licensing loophole that saw former hostelries easily demolished and turned into houses.

Following a successful campaign led by the Campaign for Real Ale, the government has announced that it will support a measure to close a planning loophole in England which has allowed pubs to be demolished or converted to a wide range of retail uses without planning applications.

CAMRA say this has not only denied local communities a say in their beloved locals' futures, but also made pubs a 'soft target' for developers, contributing to 21 net pub closures every week.

They hope the decision will bring a halt to developers exploiting loopholes and give communities the right to have a say in the future of their pubs. Although it will not prevent development of pubs, developers will have to apply for planning permission to convert or demolish a pub, allowing members of the local community a chance to express their opinions as part of that process.

'Fantastic victory'

CAMRA chief executive, Tim Page, said: "Politicans are chosen to represent the views of those who elect them. This is a fantastic victory for campaigners who have secured the removal of a loophole which allowed pubs to be redeveloped or demolished without reference to the local community or planners.

"The decision to respond positively to CAMRA's campaign follows on from the earlier decision to provide most English pubs with a £1,000 discount in the business rates they pay.

"This announcement is the result of the work of thousands of local campaigners and CAMRA members who have been calling for an end to the loopholes in existing legislation that have been used by developers to close wonderful, viable and well-supported local pubs."

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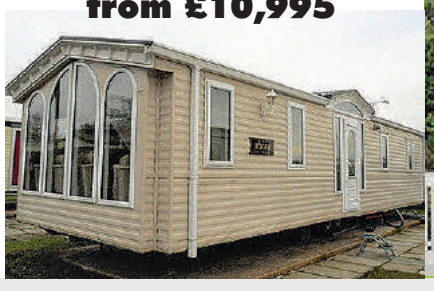

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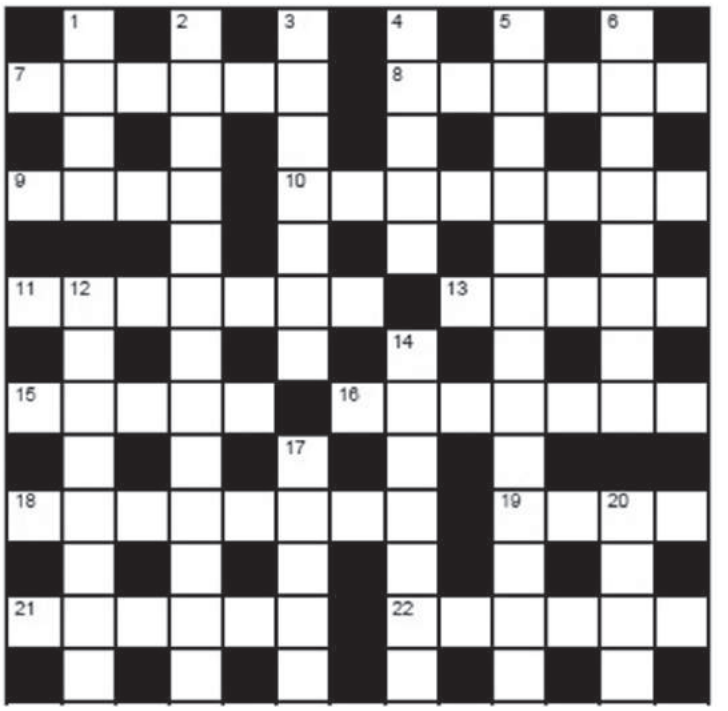

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Institutional. 8 Twopence. 9 Goon. 10 Speaker. 12 Ether. 14 Dried. 16 Lantern. 19 Frog. 20 Abu Dhabi. 22 Tittle-tattled.

Down: 1 Gnaw. 2 Utopia. 3 Stunned. 4 Otter. 5 Sought. 6 Saboteur. 11 Portrait. 13 Natural. 15 Eigth. 17 Tahiti. 18 Valet. 21 Bier.

ACROSS

7. Public square or marketplace, especially in an Italian town (6)
8. Relating to physical, especially sexual, needs and activities (6)
9. Flat, thin circular object (4)
10. Fertilizer made from ground animal bones
11. Small, egg-shaped, ancient musical wind instrument (7)
13. Force or urge (someone) to do something (5)
15. Brownish grey colour (5)
16. Middle of the day (7)
18. Contaminated, infested (8)
19. Dry or withered - especially of vegetation (4)
21. Sex drive (6)
22. In equal numbers (6)

DOWN

1. Equipment for playing records or CDs (2-2)
2. Central European country, capital Prague (5, 8)
3. Light automatic rifle (7)
4. Small, round cake made with flour, milk and flat, sometimes with added fruit (5)
5. Head of the UK government (5, 8)
6. City in California, North East of Los Angeles (8)
12. Clergyman attached to a prison, hospital or the armed forces (8)
14. Injured (7)
17. Chemical element, atomic number 5 (5)
20. Annoy, anger (4)

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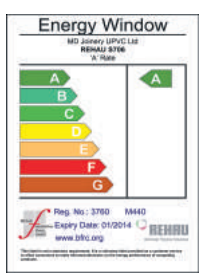

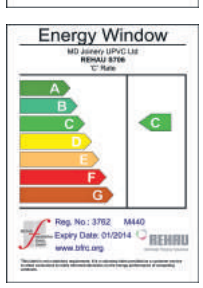

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The Hunter ladies are highly respected in the business and Margaret is President of the NAFD (National Association of Funeral Directors) Mersey Region, now serving her third year in the role.

They are very proud of the standards they maintain and are highly rated as community funeral directors.

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Margaret, Lisa and Sally Hunter each hold a Diploma in Funeral Directing which is a highly recognised national qualification.

For many years, the Hunter ladies have shown great determination to carry on their high standard of care towards families. This is shown in Lisa and Sally's dedication in gaining their qualifications whilst also bringing up families of their own at the same time. Sally achieved her Scales Award for the Diploma of Funeral Directors in just 12 months – an award highly respected in the business and Lisa excels in Repatriation and arranging Bespoke Funerals.

The next generation continues the high standard

Lisa and Sally have recently introduced their own families into the business with sons Louis and Oliver and daughter Anabel all qualified and accredited by the NAFD. As the next generation of MLS, they themselves have grown with the business over the years and the standards of care and respect come naturally to them.

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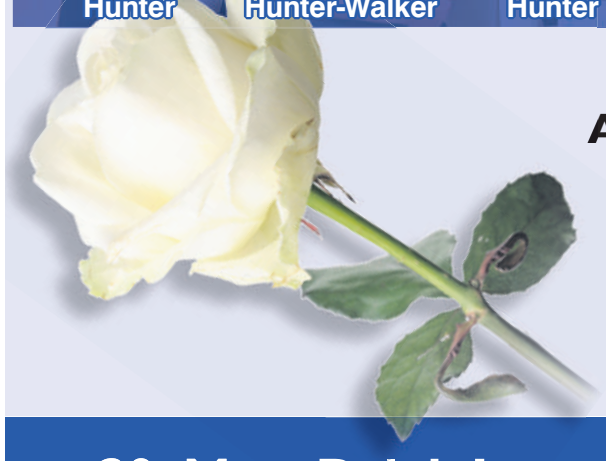

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Young singers and musicians from across Lancashire and the Northwest region, aged between 14 and 21 years old, will be playing a variety of instruments on the evening.

The performers have chosen their own programmes and have been selected by independent advisors. Pianists will have the opportunity to play the Society's 2000 Steinway Concert Grand.

Performances will be given by: Marcus Rock (piano), from Wigan; Jerome Ness (guitar), from Skelmersdale; Cassidy Isaac Beentjes (guitar), from Wrightington; Lucy Fazakerley (saxophone), from St Helens ; Angelina Dorlin- Barlow (violin), from Southport; and Harry Spencer (piano), from Preston.

Douglas Music has a commitment to developing young musical talent and is confident the audience will enjoy a memorable evening.

To find out more and purchase tickets, visit: www.parbolddouglasmusic.org; or telephone: 01257 498452 (booking answerphone). A limited number of stand-by tickets are always available at the Box Office on the evening of the concert.

Douglas Music has set up a 'Ticket and Ride' scheme to offer a subsidised mini-bus service to and from its concerts for members of the audience who would like to come to the events but who cannot use or do not have access to public transport.

To find out more and book Ticket and Ride, first book your concert ticket at Douglas Music's Box Office and then contact [Tel: 01704 893373] between 9am., and 2p.m. weekdays or leave a message to reserve your seat on the bus and to make the pick and drop-off arrangements.

As part of Douglas Music's commitment to the NW community it has maintained its admission price for students/young persons at £5 for any concert.

Douglas Music is supported by the Arts Council, England, Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council.

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Saturday 13th
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Friday 26th

June
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Sunday 4th 2.30pm
JOE LONGTHORNE
Wednesday 7th
THE CHICAGO BLUES BROTHERS
Saturday 24th

July
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HERE COMES SUMMER
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Saturday 22nd
THE CARPENTERS STORY
Friday 28th
ROY CHUBBY BROWN
Saturday 29th

August
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Thursday 3rd
THE ABBA REUNION TRIBUTE SHOW
Friday 4th
BARRY STEELE & FRIENDS: THE ROY ORBISON STORY
Saturday 5th
THAT'LL BE THE DAY
Saturday 26th

September
THE DREAMBOYS
Friday 1st
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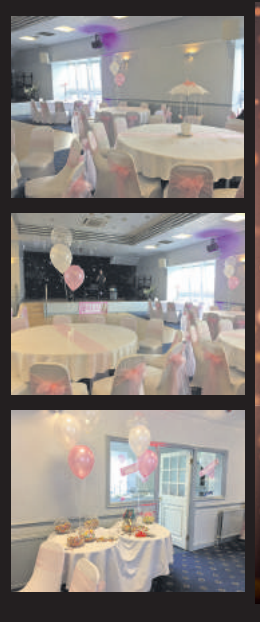

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CARTER
DAVID ALAN

The family of the late David Carter would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all their sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donations received in memory of David. Thanks also to John Milton for a very fitting funeral service and kind words of comfort and to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

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DEATHS

MARR
ESTHER
'BETTY'

4th April 2017 peacefully at Southport Hospital
Aged 88 Years

Beloved Mum of Tricia and Maureen,Mum in Law of Richard,Loving Nan to Jordan,Sophie,Fiona and Lewis.
A wonderful lady who will be so sadly missed by all her Family.Grateful thanks to all the fabulous staff on ward 14b.
"Mum can't believe you have gone ,you will always be in our hearts"."We will never forget you".
Funeral at English Martyrs,Litherland on Tuesday 18th April 11am,followed by internment at Ford Cemetary

DEATHS

EDWARDS
CAROLE LINDA

Tragically lost on 2nd April in a tragic accident while scuba diving off the Coast of Northumberland.

Dearly loved partner of Neil and beloved Mother to William and Rosie, Step Mother to James and Helena. Carole's funeral will be held at St James Church, Westhead on Thursday April 13th at 11am. The funeral will be open to anyone who wishes to attend. Family flowers only by request.
The family are taking donations in Carole's memory for the RNLI and Great North Air Ambulance Service.
All enquiries please to MLS Independent Funeral Directors 22a Liverpool Road North, Burcough.
Telephone 01704 891555.

CHADWICK
GLADYS

6th April 2017
Peacefully at her home in Skelmersdale
Aged 78 years.

The dearly loved Wife of Stephen, loving Mum of Shaun and the late Mark, devoted Nan of Ellie, Chloe and Shaun and beloved Sister to Ron, Barbara and Cliff. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 10.45am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for North West Cancer Research or Asthma UK. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122 / 720012

DEATHS

HOUGHTON
THOMAS

Passed away on the 9th April 2017
aged 72 years

Thomas will be missed by all who knew him.
Funeral service to take place at Widnes Crematorium on Tuesday 18th April at 2pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Dementia UK. Further enquiries and donations to Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ Tel: 01772 811165

BLUNDELL
DOROTHY
(Dolly)

6th April 2017
Peacefully at Birch Green Care Home
Aged 92 years

Wife of the late Allan, devoted Mum of Bill, Allan (Deceased), Ken and Rob, Dear Mother-In-Law of Julie and cherished Nan of Alex, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 13th April at 1:45pm.
All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

SOUTHERN
ROBERT JOHN

7th April 2017
Peacefully in hospital after a short illness, aged 89 years

Loving Husband of Betty, loving Dad of Robert, Gillian and Tony. Caring Grandad of all his grandchildren and step grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 19th April at 11.20am. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Alzheimers Society.
All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

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HALSALL
WILLIAM (BILL)

100 years
20 April 2017

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Loving daughter Jean & son in law Stewart, husband of the late Elsie Halsall and father of the late Sheila Peers (nee Halsall).

IN MEMORIAM

STUBBERT
ROBERT
NICHOLAS

(My Nick)
14th April 1991

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Loving wife Ann, Mark, Gary and families
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HILDA

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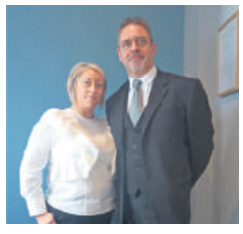

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PINFOLD LANE & MORRIS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Pinfold Lane and Morris Lane, Halsall from Southport Road to Small Lane North.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Southport Road - Gorsuch Lane - Halsall Road - North Moor Lane - Small Lane North and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7107/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COBBS BROW LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh from Ash Brow to Tabbys Nook.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Cobbs Brow Lane - Cobbs Clough Road - Glenburn Road - Houghtons Road - Stannought Road - Windmill Road - Newgate Road - Ormskirk Road - Mill Lane - Beacon Lane - Higher Lane - Ash Brow and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BROOKFIELD LANE, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Brookfield Lane, Aughton from the Junction of Butchers Lane to a point 35 metres north of property No 100 Brookfield Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Tuesday 18th April 2017 until 1700 hours on Friday 26th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Butchers Lane - Springfield Road - Smithy Lane -Brookfield Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7349/WH]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/0273/FUL Erection of 5 dwellings at Legh Arms, The Gravel, Mere Brow, Tarleton.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0293/FUL Change of use from a dwelling (Use Class C3) to a large HMO for 10 students (Sui Generis) at 38 St Helens Road, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2017/0303/FUL Change of use of first floor flat to 4 bed student HMO including renovations and replacement of steel external stair to form separate entrances for each flat and, including layout alterations to second floor flat at Flat 2 First Floor, 36 St Helens Road, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2017/0334/LBC Listed Building Consent - Replace existing front door with new door to be more in keeping with the character of the existing building and to match previous existing door in style. Replace rotting timber surround with identical exact copy at Brooklands, 30 Parliament Street, Up Holland.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 12th April 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT944

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BEACON LANE, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Beacon Lane, Parbold from Higher Lane to Mill Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Higher Lane - Ash Brow - Cobbs Brow Lane - Cobbs Clough Road - Glenburn Road - Houghtons Road - Stannought Road - Windmill Road - Newgate Road - Ormskirk Road - Mill Lane.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow surface dressing patching works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7099/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(INTAKE LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Intake Lane, Bickerstaffe from Hall Lane to St Helens Boundary.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Monday 24th April 2017 to Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Church Road - A506 Liverpool Road - A570 Liverpool Road - Rainford Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7102/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SCARTH HILL LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (No 2) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Scarth Hill Lane, Ormskirk from its junction with Whiteleys Lane to a point outside the property known as Delph House in the Borough of West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours until 1700 hours on Tuesday 18th April 2017 or, until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Scarth Hill Lane - Ruff Lane - A570 Knowsley Road - A570 St Helens Road and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow essential overhead telecommunications maintenance works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/17/08/6836/arh]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HIGHER LANE, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Higher Lane, Parbold from Alder Lane to Beacon Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Tuesday 18th April 2017 until Friday 12th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Ash Brow - Cobbs Brow Lane - Cobbs Clough Road - Glenburn Road - Houghtons Road - Stannought Road - Windmill Road - Ormskirk Road - Mill Lane - Beacon Lane.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing patching works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7096/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(LATHOM ROAD, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Lathom Road, Bickerstaffe from Lyelake Lane to Stanley Gate.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours from Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Ormskirk Road - Lyelake Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7105/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(DICKETS LANE, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Dickets Lane, Skelmersdale from Hollands Lane to Wigan Road.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Tuesday 18th April 2017 to Friday 12th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Lylake Lane - Skelmersdale Road - Liverpool Road - Railway Road - Ormskirk Road - Blaguegate Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(NARROW LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Narrow Lane, Halsall from Asmall Lane to Halsall Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Monday 24th April 2017 to Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Narrow Lane - Cut Lane - Asmall Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOSS LANE, SINEACRE LANE AND STOPGATE LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Moss Lane, Sineacre Lane and Stopgate Lane, Bickerstaffe from Siding Lane to Coach Road.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 to 1800 from Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 26th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Coach Road - Barrow Nook Lane - Hall Lane - Church Road - Liverpool Road (Moving into Knowsley District) Cunscough Lane - Bank Lane - County Road - South Boundary Road - Perimeter Road - North Perimeter Road - Dale Lane - Pingwood Lane - Stopgate Lane and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow surface dressing patching works to be carried out.

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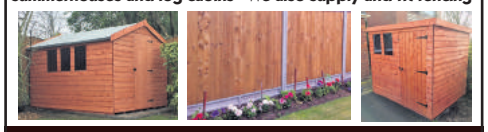

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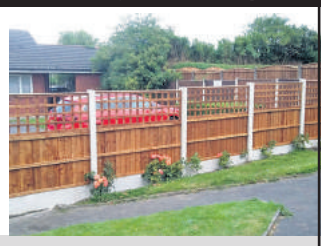

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SAUSAGES, beer and the Mercedes-Benz 190E. It's clear the Germans do some things brilliantly, but on the evidence I saw the other night motoring telly isn't one of them.

While holed up in an Essen hotel room I ended up watching what can best be described as Germany's answer to *Wheeler Dealers*. It involved slightly cocky petrolheads going out to some car dealers and trying to buy as much car as they can, but minus any of the messing around with welding machines or *Top Gear*-esque challenges afterwards.

It turns out that the idea of scouring the region's car dealerships translates perfectly well into English. Within striking distance of *The Champion*'s offices I found all sorts of sub-£15k bargains, starting with a Bentley Eight with 29,000 miles on the clock. That's 6.8-litres of craftsmanship for less than a mid-range Focus. Should you not fancy being bankrupted by a Bentley's fuel bills there's also a one-owner-from-new, 14-reg Golf GTI, a five-year-old BMW Z4 with just about every option imaginable thrown at it or a Jaguar XF with the 3.0-litre diesel that's just about frugal enough to stop you weeping at filling stations.

All of these cars, and all the Peugeot RCZ, MINI Cooper S and Volkswagen Scirocco deals I found while I was at it, all have one thing in common.

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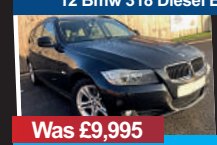

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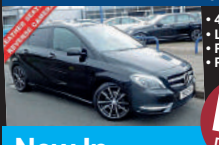

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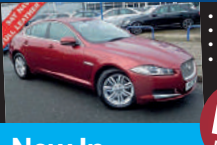

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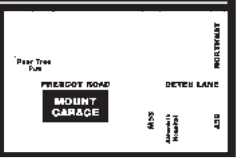

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D-Day for Burscough ground proposals

Report by **Henry James**

IT is D-Day for the proposals for Burscough FC's new football stadium plans which are to be heard by West Lancashire Borough Council tomorrow (Thursday).

The planning application for the ground, which will be next to Victoria Park, was due to be heard by the Planning Committee in November but had to be withdrawn as council officers had "additional correspondence which required further consideration."

Chequer Properties have submitted the application and create a main covered stand with 480 seats; a two storey clubhouse; and a secondary covered stand on the eastern side of the pitch.

How the new ground will look

Burscough Independent Supporters Association and Burscough Parish Council both oppose the proposals.

Burscough Independent Supporters Association say there is "no guarantee that the plans showing 'proposed future development' will ever be built – and say the new stadium facilities would be inferior to the current ground. They also deny that the existing ground is not fit for purpose saying– the chairman of the EvoStik League stated the ground was suitable and only around £2,000 needed to make it an acceptable standard.

Burscough FC is working with Chequer Properties on the proposals."

Martin Gilchrist of Chequer Properties said: "With the scale of the works required to bring the existing ground up to standard and render it safe for public use being so high, and with the desire for Burscough FC to remain at Victoria Park, the only sustainable solution is the creation of a new modern facility."

In reports for the meeting officers are recommending that the decision to grant planning permission be delegated to the director of development and regeneration in consultation with the chairman or vice chairman of the Planning Committee.

Linnets made to pay for slow start

Scarborough Athletic 5 Burscough 0

BURSCOUGH were undone by a slow start after they conceded four goals in the opening 45 minutes.

The hosts took the lead in the 16th minute, Jacob Hazel converting via a diving header. Cameron Murray then fired a low shot that crept inside the post.

Two Benny Igiehon goals before half-time finished off any hopes Burscough might have had of a recovery.

At last Skem win their first home game of the year

Skelmersdale United 3
Frickley Athletic 1

SKELMERSDALE may already be relegated but they are not going down with a whimper after picking up their first home win since November.

Seconds into the game Steve Irwin gave Nathan Randell a scoring chance and he was only denied by an excellent reaction save from Frickley goalkeeper Seb Malkowski.

Skem opened the scoring in the 44th minute from a penalty. Gillespie had beaten one man and advanced into the Frickley penalty area where he was crudely blocked by Nathan Valentine.

Irwin drove the spot kick low into the net.

Frickley were clearly in a determined mood after the interval. In the 73rd minute Parkinson put the ball low into the area and Picton ran onto it in what looked a rehearsed move and fired low into the net.

In the 84th minute Skem restored their lead with a spectacular goal.

Skem had cleared long and a poor defensive header sent the ball dropping to Irwin who unleashed a dipping volley from 30 yards that left Malkowski grasping at thin air.

They wrapped up the three points with a goal on the counterattack. Howarth crossed into the box and Randell ran in on the blind side of the defender and netted Skelmersdale's third at the far post.

Three games in six days for United as Linnets face a tough trip to Ossett

SKELMERSDALE United face a set of testing fixtures as they play three matches in only six days.

Last night (Tuesday) they were due to host Spennymoor Town before they travel to Coalville Town on Saturday.

They then host local rivals Marine on Monday.

Meanwhile, Burscough's last away trip of the season will see them travel to Ossett Albion on Monday.

It promises to be a challenge for the already relegated Linnets, as their opposition are still fighting for a place in the play-offs.

The incentive for Burscough will be to end a rotten run of form which has seen them concede 15 goals in their last three matches.

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